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Executive Secretary
Economic Intelligence Committee
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Dear [REDACTED]

Following the suggestion that we appraise the value and services of the Agricultural Sub-Committee, I have talked to those in the Department who have served on the Committee or used its services, and they are all in general agreement that it has performed a valuable service in the past and should be continued. For some time the Committee has followed the practice of meeting only when particular problems arise, ~~which EIC thought the Committee should investigate, and we feel that this practice should be continued.~~

1. yes
2. yes

3. About the only project which we might consider that the Committee gives some thought to at this time, is the one of developing a more coordinated program for collecting agricultural information on the satellite countries and in Communist China and Indo-China. This subject has been considered several times and suggestions made, but as far as I know, no final program has been accepted as adequate for keeping us supplied with intelligent material from these areas. I have noted no faults of the Committee. In general, it has been well conducted and well attended. If there is a serious fault, it is that nearly every agency on the Committee is so busily engaged on various projects of its own that they have not had sufficient time to give adequate attention to the problems presented. This is not so much a fault of the Committee as it is the shortage of personnel in the various agencies who are members of the Committee. However, in real emergencies the Committee has found time to examine urgent problems, and we have had several commendations from EIC for the services performed.

4. none - except

Sincerely yours,

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